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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI NORTHERN DIVISION

CHRISTOPHER C. LUKE

PLAINTIFF

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:14cv240 DPJ-FKB

NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, ET AL. DEFENDANTS

DEPOSITION OF HARVEY HICKMAN

Taken at the instance of the Plaintiff at Wade White, PLLC 501 West Main Street Philadelphia, Mississippi Wednesday, April 1st, 2015 Commencing at 10:33 a.m.

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EXHIBIT "E"

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1	APPEARANCES	1	HARVEY HICKMAN,
2	TH TEI HULL VOES	2	having first been duly sworn, was examined and testified
	SEL FOR THE PLAINTIFF:	3	as follows:
	ERT O. WALLER, ESQUIRE LER & WALLER	4	MR. WALLER: Okay. This is a deposition of Hardy
	outh President Street	5	Hickman taking pursuant to notice and pursuant to the
	on, Mississippi 39201	6	Rules of Civil Procedure. Objections except as to form
	Office Box 4	7	shall be reserved until the trial of the matter.
	on, Mississippi 39205-0004 :: (601) 354-5252	8	
	601) 354-2681	9	EXAMINATION BY MR. WALLER:
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9 10 COUNS	SEL FOR THE DEFENDANTS:	10	Q. Please state your name as it is listed on your
	EN J. GRIFFIN, ESQUIRE	11	birth certificate, Mr. Hickman.
DANI	EL COKER HORTON & BELL	12	A. Harvey Jay Hickman.
	Old Canton Road, Suite 400	13	Q. Jay?
	on, Mississippi 39211-5982 Old Canton Road, Suite 400	14	A. Yes, sir.
	on, Mississippi 39211-5982	15	Q. And your home address?
14 Phone	: (601) 969-7607	16	A. 204 Martin Luther King Drive, Union, Mississippi
	601) 969-1116	17	39365.
15 sgriffin 16	n@danielcoker.com	18	Q. How long have you lived there?
17		19	A. About 20 years.
18		20	Q. Okay. Where were you born?
19		21	A. Union.
20 21		22	Q. Date of birth?
22		23	A. 1/20/57.
23		24	Q. Fifty-seven model, huh?
24 25		25	A. Yes, sir.
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1	INDEX	1	Q. High school?
2		2	A. Union High School.
3 Style	1	3	Q. Any other education?
-	rances2	4	A. No, sir.
	3	5	Q. Work history?
	nation by Mr. Waller4	6	A. Worked at US Motors for like 27, 28 years, and
	cate of the Court Reporter22	7	they went to Mexico and just moved from there.
	cate of the Deponent23	8	O. You didn't want to move to Mexico?
9	cate of the Deponent23	9	A. I didn't want to see that plant leave. That was
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11	EVIIDITE		a good living.
	EXHIBITS	11 12	Q. A good job, wasn't it?
12	: J4 D		A. Yes, sir.
	ident Report/Statement8	13	Q. So where do you work now?
	ff and Inmate Movement, Policy No. C-10818		A. I work at the Neshoba County Detention Center.
	icy and Procedure Directives16	15	Q. How long have you worked there?
16		16	A. Seven years.
17		17	Q. And what is your you're still there?
18		18	A. Yes, sir.
19		19	Q. Okay. Are you married?
20		20	A. Yes, sir.
21		21	Q. And what's your wife's name?
22		22	A. Eva Hickman.
23		23	Q. Children?
24		24	A. Three girls.
25		25	Q. Names and ages?

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Page 8 Page 6 1 A. Kimly Hickman, Amesha Hickman, and Kovesha 1 A. No. sir. 2 Hickman. They were all born the same month, August, and 2 Q. This is the only time you've ever been sued? 3 3 their birthday is --A. Yes, sir. 4 Q. Just give me their ages. 4 Q. Okay. We're concerned with May the 28th of '13 5 A. Thirty-two, 23, and 19. 5 or May the 25th --6 6 MR. GRIFFIN: May 28th. Yeah. Q. Okay. 7 A. I think I'm right. I get them confused. BY MR. WALLER: 8 Q. Do they live in Neshoba County or Union County? 8 Q. Is that your report, Officer Hickman? 9 A. Yes. A. My oldest live in Montgomery, Alabama and the 9 10 other two live in Union. 10 Q. And that's an eight. It looked like a five there 11 Q. Okay. Have you ever given a deposition before? 11 for a minute. All right. "Names of persons involved, 12 12 Hickman, Walker, and Guess. Crocket called on the A. No, sir. 13 Q. Okay. What is your title, if I may ask? 13 radio" [sic] -- read that -- just read that for me, if 14 A. Right now, I'm a supervisor. 14 you will. 15 Q. Okay. Were you supervisor on May the 28th 15 A. Officer Crocket called on the radio said there 16 of '13? 16 was an inmate down in B Block, and I, Officer Guess, and 17 A. Yes, sir. 17 Officer Walker went up to B Block to see what was going 18 Q. And are you the -- are you the -- what does that 18 on. And when we got there, we found a inmate wallowing 19 mean when they say supervisor? Are you over a certain 19 in the floor crying, Inmate Chris Luke. And we didn't 20 area of the jail or all the jail? 20 know what was wrong, so I -- I went to get the blood 21 21 A. The day shift. Yes, pretty much. pressure machine to check his blood pressure to see what 22 22 Q. The day shift? was -- if he was having any kind of heart or anything 23 A. Day shift, yes, sir. 23 like that. And as I got it and come in to check him, he 24 Q. So you're the -- you're the senior person in the 24 refused to be checked, and he started -- Officer Walker 25 jail on the day shift? 25 got him up and said, "Let's take him to detox, so we can Page 7 Page 9 1 A. Right now, I am. evaluate him and see what's going on," and he started 2 2 Q. Were you back in '13? fighting. And he started fighting Officer Walker, and 3 3 A. No, sir. Mr. Guess was. they had to take him down. And he just -- I think he 4 Q. So what was your title back in '13? 4 bit Officer Guess. And we were trying to cuff him, hold 5 5 him down so we take him down to detox, and he just A. I was a supervisor, but I wasn't over --6 Q. You weren't the senior supervisor? fought and fought. And they end up spraying him trying 7 7 A. No. sir. to get him, you know, contained and cuff him, but 8 8 somehow one of the handcuffs got crossed up, and he just Q. If Mr. Guess was not there, then you would be --9 9 you were the senior person? kept fighting. Then eventually Office Walker said, 10 10 "Let's just pick him up and take him down there." We A. Yes, sir. 11 picked him up and took him to Detox 2. 11 Q. Was he there when this altercation occurred with 12 12 Mr. Luke, Mr. Guess? And he had an odor -- when you spray a person, 13 A. Yes, sir. He was there. 13 you've got to clean them up, get the -- get it off of 14 Q. He was there, too? 14 them. Office Walker said, "Let's go and clean him up." 15 A. Yes, sir. 15 So he went in the shower. As we was getting him in the 16 Q. You work 7:00 to 3:00, 8:00 to 4:00, 9:00 to 5:00 16 shower, he started fighting again. He swung and hit 17 or what? 17 Officer Walker with the hand with the cuffs on it, and I 18 A. Depends on how the schedule runs. 18 subdued him. Then we just took him back to detox, 19 Q. Do you work 8 hours a day or 12 hours a day? 19 because he just didn't want to cooperate. 20 A. Sometimes 8, sometimes 12. It all depends how --20 Q. So he was not handcuffed at that point? 21 Q. Well, just they call it the day shift --21 A. He had one on him --22 22 Q. Yeah. A. Yes, sir. 23 23 A. -- you know, that was --Q. -- whatever the hours are that you're scheduled 24 to work. Are you a defendant in any other litigation 24 Q. Yeah. On one wrist --A. Yes, sir. 25 25 right now?

Page 12 Page 10 1 Q. -- both cuffs on one arm? 1 A. Well, it's several zones on that monitor. And I 2 A. Uh-huh (affirmative), at that time. 2 think at the time, the lady minister was in A Block, and 3 3 Q. Had y'all -- y'all had him handcuffed prior to I imagine she was -- that's all I can remember that they 4 4 were having ministry up in A Block for women. that, though. Right? 5 A. We had to put another set on him. 5 Q. And Officer Crockett was in that meeting? 6 6 A. No, sir. She was probably monitoring them over Q. Yeah. 7 A. Yes, sir. 8 8 Q. Yeah. And that was on him in front or in the Q. Well, what does that got to do with her not 9 9 calling you immediately and describing what happened in back? 10 10 better detail? A. I believe it was in his back, because we had to 11 pick him up and carry him down to the booking area. 11 A. I can't answer that. 12 12 Q. Okay. And the three of y'all that subdued him Q. Did you pass her station when y'all went to the 13 13 was you and Walker and Guess? Zone B? 14 A. Well, Mr. Walker, the one that carried him. 14 A. Yeah. We went --15 Q. But the three of y'all came into the day room 15 Q. Did you go through the control room? 16 together? 16 A. We passed by the control room. Yes, sir. 17 A. Yes, sir. We came. 17 Q. Was she -- was she seated at the cameras at that 18 Q. Did Officer Crockett know Chris Luke by name? 18 time? 19 19 A. I assumed she knew, I mean --A. I didn't look in there. 20 20 Q. But she didn't say that Chris Walker --Q. You don't recall? 21 21 A. She said -- yes, sir. A. No, sir. 22 Q. On the radio, she just said an inmate was down. 2.2 Q. Does she have other duties besides monitoring the 23 23 She didn't say "Chris"? 24 24 A. Uh-uh (negative). A. Phones -- you've got the phones ringing. Q. Any other -- and who subs for her when she's 25 Q. You didn't know, when you entered the day room, 25 Page 11 Page 13 1 what the situation was --1 not -- when she has to go to the bathroom or something? 2 2 A. No, sir. One of y'all? 3 3 Q. -- or how long the situation had been going on? A. We have to come up and relieve her. 4 Did Officer Crocket tell you that, how long the inmate 4 Q. She calls you and asks? 5 5 had been down? A. (Affirmative nodding). A. No. She just hollered on the radio, and we Q. So she's supposed to be there all -- you know, 7 7 the entire time? Somebody's supposed to be watching responded. 8 8 Q. I think it was about 20 minutes from the time those cameras. Right? 9 Chris Luke was assaulted by William Smith and the time 9 A. Uh-huh (affirmative). 10 y'all arrived. Do you disagree with that? 10 Q. Did you know Chris Luke prior to that day? MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the form. A. He had been to jail a few times, but not knowing 11 11 12 12 BY MR. WALLER: him personally. 13 Q. Do you know how -- have you looked at the video? 13 Q. You didn't know anything about him or know his 14 name or -- did you know his name? A. I don't know what time -- how much time it was. 14 15 Q. I think the video indicated about 20 minutes. 15 A. I know it was Chris Luke. Yes, sir. We have 16 MR. GRIFFIN: I think it was actually around 11 16 booked him in several times. 17 minutes if you look at the time stamp on the video. 17 Q. Yeah. You knew at least knew his name? 18 18 A. Uh-huh (affirmative). BY MR. WALLER: 19 Q. Do you know why it would have been a 10-minute 19 Q. Did you know William Smith? 20 delay from the time he was assaulted until the time 20 A. We booked him in. He had been up there several 21 y'all were called? Whatever the time delay was. I'm 21 22 22 not -- I'm not agreeing it's 10 minutes. Q. Had he been in any other altercation that you're 23 23 A. No, sir. aware of --24 Q. Is it Angel Crockett's responsibility to monitor 24 A. Not that I'm aware of. 25 25 that day room, Block B or Zone B? Q. -- prior to Chris Luke's altercation?

Page 14 Page 16 1 A. Not as I'm aware of. 1 A. No, sir. I don't know. 2 Q. When did you find out that he had -- he had 2 Q. So you can only confirm that he ate breakfast? 3 3 assaulted Chris Luke? A. Uh-huh (affirmative). 4 4 Q. Have you -- what training have you had in jail A. I guess when everything had settled and --5 Q. You watched the video? 5 administration? 6 6 A. Went to six-week training. A. The video. Yes, sir. 7 Q. But Angel Crockett never told you exactly what Q. In Meridian? 8 A. It was up above Starkville. happened, did she? 9 9 A. No, sir. We never talked about it. Q. Mayhew? 10 Q. Okay. Now, the doctor has determined that Chris 10 A. Mayhew. 11 has lost his hearing in his left ear as a result of 11 Q. When did you go to that? 12 12 nerve damage as a result of a blow to this area of his A. Probably two years prior to this. 13 head (indicating). Do you have any idea how that may 13 Q. Okay. So 2011 maybe? 14 have happened? 14 A. Somewhere around there. Yeah. 15 15 Q. Now, have you -- have you seen a copy of the jail A. No, not at all. 16 Q. Was Chris Luke unconscious at any point during 16 policy and procedures by the County, this document here? 17 this event? 17 A. Uh-huh (affirmative). All of us have to see it. 18 A. No, sir. He was fighting the whole time. 18 Q. Have y'all had any training on that -- on those 19 Q. When you got him in the detox room, he was -- he 19 policies and procedures? 20 20 went to sleep eventually there, didn't he? A. On macing and how to conduct inmates and stuff. 21 A. I don't recall him going to sleep. We was trying 21 Q. How to manage inmates? You're talking -- I'm 22 to get that off his arm. He probably went to sleep in 22 talking about with the County now. I'm not -- what you 23 isolation, but in detox, that's where --23 got at Mayhew. What specific training have you received 24 24 in Neshoba County? Q. Okay. So detox and isolation are two different 25 25 A. We had the deputies -- we had a training with the Page 15 Page 17 1 A. Yes, sir. deputies before -- before we can mace somebody, we have 2 Q. When did he go to isolation? 2 to be maced ourself, and we have --3 3 A. After we got the cuffs off, and we -- I think the O. When did that happen? 4 other shift moved into isolation. 4 A. That's -- that's right after the -- that's about 5 5 two years after I started. You know, we have to go Q. That was after you left? 6 A. The evening shift. through a little training. 7 Q. And was in isolation the next day, Wednesday. 7 Q. Michael -- you know, Michael McDougal is -- was 8 8 Did you work that next day? an inmate that died there back at the end of last year. 9 A. I believe I did. 9 Part of his -- he was maced. What does your training 10 10 teach you to do as far as -- or don't do when you're Q. Did you monitor Chris's status at that time? 11 11 A. I think we fed him breakfast. using mace on an inmate? 12 Q. Was he responsive? 12 A. He was maced? I had no recollection of him being 13 A. He was. 13 14 Q. Do you know -- did Dr. Soriano come by that day, 14 Q. I'm not just speaking -- that was just a side 15 15 comment. I'm not asking about Michael McDougal. I'm or do you know? 16 A. I don't know. 16 asking you about your training. 17 Q. Do you know if the nurse was there? She 17 A. If they're real forceful attacking, trying to put 18 testified that she was off that Wednesday, the 29th. 18 us in danger, we mace them. 19 She didn't come to work on Wednesday the 29th. She came 19 Q. As self-defense? 20 on the 30th, the next day, the Thursday. Did anybody 20 A. Yeah. 21 give Chris any aspirin or anything or any Tylenol or 21 Q. And what is the -- after you mace, what is the 22 22 anything Wednesday that you're aware of? procedure? 23 A. I'm not aware of it. I don't know. 23 A. We go and shower them down, get it off of them. 24 Q. Do you know if he ate his -- you said he ate 24 Q. Okay. Have you read this document prior to 25 25 today? Have you seen this document prior to today? I'm breakfast. Do you know if he ate lunch?

Page 20 Page 18 1 referring to the Neshoba County Law Enforcement Center 1 with him, and they all just stood around. So we just 2 of Policy and Procedure Directive. Have you seen this 2 made him get out of the way, and that's when we went and 3 3 document prior to today? got the blood pressure machine. 4 4 Q. So you had no clue what happened to Chris Luke? A. It's been a while. 5 5 Q. You don't recall when you saw it before today? A. No, sir. 6 6 Q. Nor did Officer Walker? A. No, sir. I just can't say. Q. Okay. I'm going to hand you another document, A. None of us. and it's titled "Staff and Inmate Movement, Neshoba 8 Q. Nor the supervisor here --9 9 County Law Enforcement Center Policy and Procedure MR. WALLER: Tell me your name again? 10 Directive." Have you seen that document prior to 10 MR. GUESS: Billy Guess. 11 today -- before today? 11 BY MR. WALLER: 12 12 Q. He didn't know either. Right? A. I can't say. I can't recall. 13 Q. Okay. Let's finish reading your report here. 13 A. No, sir. 14 A. After we took him into Detox 2 -- we put Chris 14 Q. Had you -- had you had an altercation with Chris 15 Luke in Detox 2, and Officer Walker said, "Let's take 15 Luke any of the other times that he was incarcerated? 16 him and clean him up. Get him in the shower." And we 16 A. No, sir. 17 did, and he fought Officer Walker. He hit him with the 17 Q. So this was unusual for him to be this combative? 18 handcuffs on. I just got him and held him, and we took 18 A. Yeah. 19 19 him back into Detox 2. And then that's when they Q. It was out of character for him? 20 20 proceed trying to get the other cuff of him. A. I would think so. 21 Q. So there was obviously something wrong with him. 21 Q. At any time, was Chris Luke kicked by any -- any 22 officer either intentionally or unintentionally? You just didn't know what it was? 2.2 23 A. I never seen it. 23 A. Yeah. 24 24 Q. Now, this page is not signed -- my copy is not Q. Had you known what had happened, would you have signed. Did you not sign the second page? 25 25 handled it differently? Page 19 Page 21 1 A. I signed the first page. 1 MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the form. Calls for 2 Q. Okay. Now, it's dated the 30th, but the date up 2 speculation. 3 3 top on the first page says, "Date of report 5/28/13." BY MR. WALLER: Does that mean the date of the incident was 5/28, and 4 Q. If you had known that William Smith had hit Chris 4 5 5 Luke, would you have done anything differently than what the date of the report was 5/30? 6 A. That's the date I turned it in to Mr. Reid. 7 7 MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the form. Q. You made the report out on the 30th or the 28th? 8 8 Which is it? A. We just got him and took him down for observation 9 9 is what were trying to do to see what --A. The 28th. That's the day he signed it. That's 10 10 BY MR. WALLER: the day we put it on his desk. 11 11 Q. I think I asked you this. You don't know how Q. Well, your date is the 30th, as well. My 12 question to you is: Did you make a report out on the Chris lost his hearing in his left ear? 12 13 30th for what happened on the 28th, or did you make it 13 A. No, sir. 14 out on the 28th? 14 Q. You don't have -- okay. 15 15 MR. WALLER: Tender the witness. A. Made it out on the 28th, turned it in on the 16 16 30th. MR. GRIFFIN: No questions. 17 Q. But you signed it on 30th. Is that right? 17 MR. WALLER: Okay. I'm going to mark his 18 A. I signed it the day I made it. 18 statement and these two exhibits. Mark these 2 and 3. 19 19 (EXHIBITS 1, 2 AND 3 MARKED.) Q. It's dated the 30th. 20 A. That's my bad -- my fault. 20 (DEPOSITION CONCLUDED AT 10:59 A.M.) ****** 21 Q. Okay. Did y'all not ask the inmates in the day 21 22 room -- I call it the day room. I don't know what y'all 22 23 call it, Zone B, B Block -- what happened when you came 23 24 in the room? 24 25 25 A. Yes, but they don't talk. I asked what was wrong

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